

PEARL HARBOR PLANS BIGGER

LOCAL JAPANESE HAD PLANNED TO SECURE CONTROL OF LAYSAN

DIRECT PROTECTION OF BIRDS ON WESTWARD ISLETS BY UNITED STATES BANISHES ALL SUCH DREAMS—GOVERNMENT'S ACTION ALSO PUTS AN END TO PERSISTENT STORIES OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HONOLULANS AND NIPPONESE REGARDING FEATHER FILCHING.

There are some disappointed men in Honolulu today, and there will be sympathetic disappointment among many Japanese now in Japan or on Laysan Island or others of the westward islets, for the more or less organized bird slaughter, for plumage, is at last to be brought to an end. Particularly disappointed should be the local Japanese who planned to secure control of Laysan for his fellow countrymen.

While no one appeared to have any very definite information in the premises, there are some in Honolulu who have been and are convinced that the ruthless slaughter of birds on the westward islands brought profit to certain Honolulu people as well as to the Japanese bird-hunters from Nippon. Some months ago letters went from Honolulu to Washington in regard to information obtained by a Honolulu sea-captain with reference to what purported to be an understanding brought about in Japan between certain Honolulu and the bird hunters.

Whether this information was authentic or had anything to do with the news now come from Washington to the effect that the United States will take up the Laysan Island matter, may never be made public, but stories have been rife of the various mysterious ventures of local Japanese and others. During the strike of the Japanese sugar plantation laborers on this island, when so many were arrested, an interesting document, which has never had reason to be published in connection with strike matters, was brought to light, being nothing less than a copy of the letter of a local Japanese addressed to a company of feather-hunters of Japan in which the Honolulu writer assured his far-away countrymen that he would have no difficulty, for a consideration, in securing for them the use of Laysan Island and for the ostensible purpose of handling guano, while the real object was bird-killing.

Much correspondence has passed between Japanese in Japan and local Japanese on this subject; nor were only Japanese interested.

The Star frequently, during the past year or two, has published accounts of what was supposed to be going on relative to this bird-slaughter and mainland newspapers took up the matter with the remark that it was very apparent that a revenue cutter was needed in these Hawaiian waters.

Max Schlemmer, affectionately term-

ed the King of Laysan, had occasion to visit Japan about a year ago and the revivification of the Laysan Island guano trade was the talk. According to the reports of Japanese in the Orient to their fellows here, companies of Japanese endeavored to arrange with King Max for Laysan Island and privileges. Doubtless they had to continue to take by stealth what they could not bargain for.

In any event, the matter has been so constantly advertised that it would now seem that the United States government is beginning to take notice.

Had the U. S. Naval tug Iroquois not been out of commission on account of her boilers it is not improbable that she would some time ago have been ordered to Laysan and westward islands to investigate the alleged doings of the mysterious little sampan fleets, acting as a revenue cutter. Now the lighthouse tender Kukui has been ordered to play the revenue cutter for a while, pending the stationing here of the Thetis, and it is likely that her presence in the waters to the west will have a wholesome effect.

The report from Washington that Max Schlemmer's guano lease has been cancelled is not unexpected. There were several distinct roars raised, over that proposition, and not altogether through jealousy or the like. At the time there was much talk to the effect that there should be no monopoly; in fact there was, on the waterfront at least, among old-time seafarers who have scoured this ocean and know conditions fairly well, much the same talk regarding Laysan's lease as was used when the Island of Lanai was given over to one man.

Not a vessel has come from the Orient, nor a schooner from the westward islands, but has brought her share of stories, true or otherwise, in regard to the slaughter of birds, with always the question as to why did not the United States take a hand.

It is known that the Japanese fishermen and bird-hunters feel that the westward islands are theirs to do with as they please, irrespective of what hui claims them and, in addition, they are cocky enough to believe that the United States will not worry over these island specks.

But the United States, according to a report said to have been received from Washington yesterday, has chosen to act at last and a new order of things must prevail, to the end that birds will not much longer be slaughtered.

It means, practically, that Laysan is no longer a part of the City and County of Oahu or of the Territory of Hawaii, but that the United States will take direct jurisdiction; that the Territory cannot lease a westward island for guano deposits or anything else, and that poachers must keep off American preserves.

Governor Frear and King Max both somewhat doubted the validity of the lease which was renewed last February, and wrote Washington for an opinion. No official reply has been received.

LAST DAYS OF BIG SALE.

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CANNOT CONFIRM PROTEST

The Star this morning cabled the Associated Press "Is report American protest against Japan confirmed or denied?"

In less than an hour the answer came, "Unconfirmed. Undenied."

This means that the State Department in Washington and the Foreign Office in Tokio have both declined absolutely to answer any questions regarding the report cabled from Tokio to the Hawaii Shinpo in Honolulu and from here to the Mainland, to the effect that the United States had entered a protest against certain features of the recent treaty between China and Japan.

The answer is regarded as indicating the truth of the report rather than anything else, though it might be interpreted otherwise. If no protest had been made, Secretary Knox might naturally deny the report and thus end the whole discussion. Similarly the Tokio Foreign Office, which has undoubtedly been interviewed by the Associated Press might be expected to enter a simple denial if no protest had been received.

On the other hand it is argued though not with equal force, that if the story were true, as long as it has leaked out, it might as well be confirmed, especially as Secretary Knox in the recent Crane discussion admitted that such a protest was being considered.

Finally there is the supposition that both offices have adopted rigidly a policy of refusing to discuss the matter at all, and decline to be led into answering any questions.

Editor Hit By A Supervisor

(Special Wireless to The Star.)
HILO, Hawaii, November 10.—Editor Kinney of the Tribune was struck on the jaw during an argument near the Post Office at noon today, by Supervisor R. J. Lyman. The discussion was over an editorial in the Tribune, yesterday severely criticising the supervisors. Lyman took exception to some of the statements, and Kinney's answer caused him to swing on the latter's jaw. Police Captain Silva was present and promptly arrested the supervisor on a charge of assault and battery.

MAY CALL SOLDIERS TO QUIET AGITATORS

(Special Cable to The Star by the United Press.)

SPOKANE, Wash., November 11.—After nine days of fighting on the part of the Industrial Workers of the World against the city ordinance which prohibits the delivery in the public streets of speeches calculated to attract and incite crowds, it has been found necessary by the authorities to effect scores of arrests and it is feared that it may be necessary to declare martial law in order to enforce the ordinance.

YOUNG ROBBERS GET FIVE YEARS

Andrew Kaupiko and Edward Mikalemi Jr. were found guilty this morning of robbery in the second degree. Judge De Bolt sentenced each of them to five years' imprisonment at hard labor and payment of costs. Henry Kahiki, indicted with the two convicted ones, was found not guilty and discharged. All three are young and intelligent looking native Hawaiians. Kahiki, the one found innocent, had just come out of Kamehameha school before his arrest. No criminal record of either him or Kaupiko, who is a stranger in Honolulu, could be found. Against young Mikalemi a truly appalling record, all crowded into a few months past, was presented in court. On Feb. 18, 1909, Mikalemi was arrested at Alea with four others for gambling. He pleaded guilty to the charge and sentence was suspended for thirteen months on his promising that he would not gamble again. On February 25, 1909, he was arrested for larceny in the second degree for the stealing of a pair of trousers of a Japanese, was tried on

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PHILIPPINE NAVAL STATION GIVEN UP; OAHU TO BE GREAT PACIFIC STATION

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 11.—President Taft today approved the report and recommendations of the board of Army and Navy experts to the effect that the chief naval base of the United States in the Pacific Ocean should be that to be established at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, Hawaii. It is the verdict of the Army and Navy Board that the strategic position of Pearl Harbor, controlling, as it does, the Territory of Hawaii, the western outpost of the United States, warrants the most complete naval defense, and Pearl Harbor will be the most important naval base in the Pacific.

As far as the Philippines are concerned it is designed that protection there must come from the Army, and the naval station to be constructed at Olongapo will be temporary. The naval base project at Manila is to be abandoned.

SUGAR KING IS TO BE INDICTED

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

NEW YORK, November 11.—A prominent official of the American Sugar Refining Company is to be indicted for being involved in a conspiracy with designs to defraud the United States Government out of duties which amount to two millions of dollars.

TWO KILLED IN FRISCO TONG WAR

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 11.—Two Chinese were killed and one Chinese was wounded by a bullet, today, in a war among the Tongs in this city. Warrants are in the hands of the police for the arrest of some of the known leaders of the contending factions.

NEW PHILIPPINE GOVERNOR

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

NEW YORK, November 11.—The price of refined sugar today advanced ten cents on the hundred.

MANILA, November 11.—Governor General Forbes assumed the duties of his office today.

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